

California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Santa Ana Region

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Notice of Public Hearing
Basin Plan Amendment to Incorporate
Big Bear Lake Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)
into the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan)

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will convene a public hearing to consider adoption of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on March 3, 2006 at the following time and location:

DATE: March 3, 2006 TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: City of Loma Linda Council Chambers

25541 Barton Road Loma Linda, CA 92354

Discussion

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d), the Regional Board has identified Big Bear Lake as a water quality limited segment, that is, applicable water quality standards (beneficial uses and water quality objectives) are not being attained or are not expected to be attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. The impairment of Big Bear Lake is due, in part, to excessive levels of nutrients. To address the impairment, the Regional Board has developed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for nutrients that will ensure attainment of water quality standards. The draft Big Bear Lake TMDLs were presented and discussed at a Regional Board workshop on August 26, 2005. Based on written and oral comments received, the proposed Big Bear Lake Nutrient TMDLs have been revised.

The proposed Basin Plan amendment, staff report with responses to comments received, and Environmental Checklist that evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the amendment, will be available no later than January 17. A copy of the staff report may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (951) 782-4130 or from the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana. The staff report and related documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after January 17. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the hearing. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. Comments should be submitted to Heather Boyd at the address listed above or by e-mail at hboyd@waterboards.ca.gov. Written responses to comments received by February 16 will be prepared.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Hope Smythe at (951)782-4493 or Heather Boyd at (951)320-2006. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Catherine Ehrenfeld at (951)782-3285 no later than February 20.

Gerard J. Thibeault	 Date
Executive Officer	

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